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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05552.1464-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Udo KRUPKA)
Application No.: 10/561,343) Group Art Unit: 1648
PCT Filed: June 17, 2004)
§ 371 Date: December 22, 2005) Examiner: Sharon L. Hurt
For: NOVEL SURFACE PROTEIN)
(HBsAg) VARIANT OF THE) Confirmation No.: 5936
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicant now replies to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007. This response is accompanied by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to July 5, 2007 (as July 4th is a Federal holiday) and fee payment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include:

A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time with fee payment, and
an **Amendment Transmittal** sheet.

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